

mouth disease and applied proper remedies before it got any headway, and the system of slaughtering animals on suspicion is rank incompetence or worse.

Probably the stock men were getting too wise to market on fake scares and old-new disease had to be inaugurated.—Wm. F. Peters.

A REPLY.—I wish to reply to "An Interested Reader" of Jan. 22, and speak for our sisters who are outcasts from home and their natural protectors.

I am sure they do not wish nor deserve such a fate. The attitude of the world is changing in regard to their place in the world and I see a better future for them.

Yes, there has always existed prostitution in the world, also lying, theft and supreme selfishness, of which, I believe, the writer referred to is its best exponent.

Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn thee; go, and sin no more."

Jesus never condemned the poor sinner as he condemned the Pharisee who thought he had done his duty when he had recited his long prayers.

Jesus did not condemn the unfortunate woman, but he said: "Go, and sin no more." He did not say, "Let us have a segregated district and drive this woman into it, to be abused by men, so that her life shall be ended in ten years of horror. Let us close our doors in her face so that she will starve if she tries to escape."

The wages of sin is death. It is moral death, spiritual death. There is no real happiness for any sinner in this world, to say nothing of the next.

This applies to man as well as to woman, to the sinner on the Lake Shore drive as well as the sinner on the streets.

No one can escape the consequences who transgresses the word of God.

I hope "An Interested Reader" will teach his sons to be virtuous as well as his daughters, if he wishes his gray

hairs to go to the grave in peace and honor.

The children of the rich or even well-to-do are protected when they commit a sin. Many times these parents save their children from court and jails, and in many cases the children become good men and women. May it ever be so; children need the protecting arm of parents more than they need a jail.

The children of the poor do not have this protection. The boy who steals is sent to jail, where he meets hardened criminals. The girl who falls becomes an outcast. It is the worst thing that can happen to either offender.

"Vice is a monster of so frightful mien,
That to be hated needs but to be seen,
Yet, seen too often, familiar with its face,
They first endure, then pity, then embrace."

This is the experience of a boy or girl of tender years taken from home. It must be a poor home, indeed that cannot offer a better protection than a jail or the streets. These are problems for our men and women to solve, I believe we are doing something in this direction.

Every time a playground is opened crime is diminished. Forward in the good work!

Everything that "An Interested Reader" said about prostitution may be said about any sin.

If the offenders are taken in the first false step and shown the error of their ways, and then a protecting arm be thrown around them more closely, the recurrence of the sin is not likely to happen.

But to take an old offender in any sin and attempt to win them back to the straight path is a more difficult problem. The monster's ties are harder to break, but never impossible.